(b) and (c). No, Sir, Coal is supplied by CIL as per linkage/sponsorship and availability of coal and railway wagons. There has been some shortfall in supply of coal to non-core cector industries. However, Ministry of Coal have now issued instructions toall coal companies to supply at least 50% of the linked quantity of coal to non-core sector industries. This is expected to improve the availability of coal to industries all over the country including Rajasthan.

[*English*]

Flights to Gulf Countries

5521. SHRI P.C THOMAS:
PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of international flights operating from Trivandrum, Bombay, Madras and Delhi to Gulf Countries;

(b) the annual number of passengers travelling in these sectors and the number out of them from Kerala;

(c) whether the Government propose to operate more flights from Trivandrum, Cochin and Calicut to the Gulf Countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Weekly flights from the international airports to the Gulf are indicated below:-

Airport	*Total flights to Gulf*
Bombay	59
Delhi	13
Madras	-
Trivandrum	18

(b) The total number of passengers who travelled in the year 1990 to the Gulf were 7,21,473. It is not possible to isolate the number of passengers from Kerala.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Air India proposes to introduce one more flight from Trivandrum to Gulf. There is no proposal to operate flights from Cochin to Gulf countries. The possibility of Air India operating direct flight from Calicut to Gulf countries in under consideration.

Halt of Madras Express at Marikulan

5522. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide a halt of Madras Express to Marikulan station in Alleppey, Kerala in view of heavy rush of passengers there; and